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1. An industrial standards conference, sponsored by the East Zonal Kammer der Technik, took place in Dresden on 22 June 1951. Attending the conference were about 700 industrial leaders and engineers, only 7 of whom were from West Germany. In contrast to such events in former years, this conference was not exploited as a forum for anti-American and anti-Western propaganda. Prominent GDR scientific/technical leaders attending the conference were Dr. H.H. FRANCK, head of the Kammer der Technik, Prof. LANGE, head of the Central Office for Research and Technik, Dipl. Ing. RUFFLE, head of the German Office for Material Testing, and Prof. KOLOC of the Technische Hochschule, Dresden.

2. In his address of welcome, Dr. FRANCK stressed the significance of industrial standardization in the GDR's economic life. Prof. LANGE emphasized the point that the GDR's new economy would avoid past mistakes and again assign the industrial standards field that respect and importance which it deserves. Industrial standards are to become an integral part of planning in the GDR. The rationalization of models ~~TYPEK~~ (Typung), one of the objectives of standardization, would be given the widest application.

3. Prof. LANGE then gave specific examples of the value of standardization in the GDR. 9 small-compressor factories had been producing a total of 96 different models; this number was reduced to 32 models, still satisfying all needs of the consumer. Before 1950, the electric industry used 1,000 different steel and metal profiles; in 1950 this number was reduced to 498. ~~to~~ A yearly saving of 500 tons of dynamo steel had resulted from the standardization of electric motors and the consequent simplification of the rotor blades.

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4. Dipl. Ing. RUFFLE explained the objective of the "technical quality and delivery specifications" (TGL; Technische-Güte-und Lieferbedingungen) in the GDR. The TGL's supplement the German industrial standards (DIN-Normen), where necessary, for their application to the GDR economy. In the GDR state economy the TGL's perform the same function which industrial standards perform in industry.

5. Dr. FRANCK ended the conference with a speech emphasizing the importance of German standards and the German Standards Committee as the only institution which, with approval of all 4 occupation powers, is able to carry on its activities in all parts of Germany and serve as a significant binding agent between East and West Germany. FRANCK then pointed to the fact that the work committees, appointed by the Praesidium of the German Standards Committee in April 1951, are composed of an equal number of members from East and West Germany. This was the first instance which has proved that East and West Germany can work satisfactorily together on a parity (paritaetisch) basis.

6. At an evening social gathering, Prof. KOLOC attempted in vain to draw the West German delegates into a so-called "German conversation" (Deutsches Gespraech).

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